

# **Montana Newsletter**

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## News



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NOTE: This is an expanded issue of the Montana State Library News and contains a supplement on the Legislature.

## MONCAT GRANTS

In the most recent round of grants to support Moncat participation, the Advisory Council and Montana State Library Commission have approved the following awards:

- o Golden Plains Federation, Glasgow City-Co. Library, for Goldcat - retrospective conversion projects for the five county libraries in the federation to add records to Moncat via the Washington Library Network.

- o Tamarack Federation, Missoula City-Co. Library, for a project to add records from throughout the federation to WLN.

- o Lewistown City Library and Lewistown Genealogy Library - for retrospective conversion of records.

- o Combined Roundup Community and School Library - for retrospective conversion project.

- o Rocky Mountain College Library - for start-up membership costs and retrospective conversion project.



## MONCAT IS HERE

During February nearly 300 librarians received training on the use of Montana's first union catalog, Moncat, and the related interlibrary loans protocols. Darlene Staffeldt and Beth Givens of the State Library and Barbara Rudio of the Missoula City-Co. Library conducted workshops in 11 communities for staff of public, academic, special and school libraries.

Participants received the Moncat microfiche and the manual. Training stressed the structure and composition of Moncat, borrowing and lending protocols, and how to complete the ILL form.

A Moncat training videocassette (1/2-inch format) is available from the State Library for those who requested Moncat but were not able to attend the training session.

For more information about Moncat, contact Darlene Staffeldt of the State Library.

## LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

Montana is one of ten states to receive grants to sponsor Let's Talk About It reading and discussion groups. The Montana Library Association received a \$18,500 grant funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and sponsored by ALA's Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies.

The project will organize discussion groups to bring together book lovers and scholars to explore themes of contemporary life and culture through a mix of classic and popular literature. Projects are in twelve communities: Billings, Bozeman, Butte, Glasgow, Glendive, Hamilton, Harlem, Havre, Helena, Libby, Missoula, and Shelby.

Montana's award-winning grant writing team is composed of: Dan Rubey, team leader, City-Co. Library of Missoula, for Montana Committee for the Humanities; Barbara Rudio, City-Co. Library of Missoula, Library Association; Harry Eiss, Northern Montana College, humanities scholar; and Carole Szetela-Biron, Bozeman Public Library, for the State Library.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The State Library's collection of videocassettes on educational topics is listed in an insert of this issue of the News. These can be borrowed from the State Library.

The Montana Institute of the Arts Foundation (MIAF) has moved to new quarters at 2405 Montana Ave., Billings MT 59102. The building also provides housing for the Montana Art Gallery Directors Association and gallery space for the MIAF permanent art collection.

Gretchen Woodhull and Mary Weaver of Bozeman have developed a library skills package for elementary school age children. Track the Cat is an individualized approach to the development of card catalog skills, available in 3 sequential packets at \$5 per packet. For more information contact Woodhull, 1915 W. College St., Bozeman MT 59715.

Norris A. "Butch" Stussy is the new Executive Director of the Washington Library Network, Olympia, Washington.

The Natrona Co. School District, is looking for an existing junior high school which is closing and willing to sell its library collection. Inquiries should be directed to: Rick Thomas, Instructional Materials Center, Natrona Co. School District #1, Casper, WY 82601. 307-577-0259.

Visit the State Library exhibit at the Montana Library Association Conference in Lewistown, May 2-4. Information on Montcat will be available as well as informational brochures.

The State Library is looking for American Library Association posters from past years that are in good shape. If you can donate posters please contact Mary West.

The 89'ers are Montanans interested in planning 1989 Centennial events and celebrations. Join and be on the mailing list to receive news releases, announcements, and the recently completed Centennial Sampler of ideas for Centennial activities. Write 89'ers, P.O. Box 1989, Capitol Station, Helena MT 59620.

Now available from the Washington Library Network for \$75 is the Micro-Recon Program for retrospective conversion projects on microcomputers. It can be used on the WLN-PC, IBM-PC, Apple IIe, and Apple II-plus. Both Butte Silver-Bow and Glasgow City-Co. Public Libraries report successful use of the program. For more information contact WLN, Washington State Library, AJ-11, Olympia WA 98504.

Field Studies in Library Science: Advanced Reference will be offered at the University of Wyoming, Laramie, June 10-13. For more information, contact Corky Walters, Continuing Education Office, Wyoming State Library, Supreme Court Bldg., Cheyenne WY 82002. 307-777-7281.

## NEW PROFESSIONAL MATERIALS CENTER

The State Library's new Professional Materials Center contains recently released books on library topics, newsletters from around the country, information files on a number of library-related issues, and continuing education and job announcements. The Center was organized by Alene Cooper (pictured), Library Development Officer, and is open to any interested librarians. Materials are also available on loan. It is located on the second floor of the State Library in the Library Development unit.



# MONTANA STATE LIBRARY NEWS SUPPLEMENT

LEGISLATION STATUS AS OF APRIL 11, 1985

Montana Arts Advocacy Lobbyist, Brenda Schye, Montana Library Association Legislation Committee chair, Debbie Schlesinger, and State Librarian, Sara Parker, have kept close watch over a very challenging legislative session. With the 49th session of the Montana Legislature nearing completion, they are able to report on the following pieces of library-related legislation (adapted from Montana Arts Advocacy Legislation Status Sheet):

<u>Bill #</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Content</u>	<u>Current Status</u>
HB 203	Bardanouve (D-Harlem)	Budget amendments for state agencies, including addi- for Historical Society, Arts Council, and State Library	Passed House and Senate
HB 206	Bardanouve (D-Harlem)	Supplemental appropriations for agencies, incl. Library	Passed House. Awaiting action by Senate Finance and Claims Comm.
HB 239	Wallin (R-Bozeman)	Allowing formation of multi- jurisdictional service districts, incl. libraries	Passed House and Senate
HB 394	Brown (D-Butte)	Compensation for members of state boards	Governor added amendment. Needs Senate approval.
HB 500	Bardanouve (D-Harlem)	General appropriation act for state agencies.	Passed House. Sen. Finance and Claims to hear beginning 4/12/85.
HB 576	Fritz (D-Missoula)	Compensation for State Library Commissioners	Tabled because encompassed in HB 394.
HB 607	Quilici (D-Butte)	Governor's production incen- tive tax credit on coal severance tax	Passed House. Senate Taxation Committee heard on 4/11/85.
HB 847	J. Moore (R-Great Falls)	Reduce coal sev. tax to 17.5% on new contracts and use revenues for infrastructure instead of current CST earmarking	Bill dead
HB 860	Brown (D-Butte)	Authorizing State Library to operate the Natural Resource Information System (funding for NRIS is in HB922, pending)	Passed House and Senate
SB 126	McCallum (R-Plains)	Authorizing county com- missioners to transfer funds from one budget class to another (for more budgeting flexibility)	Passed Senate and House
SB 160	Fuller (D-Helena)	Authorizing municipal gov- erning boards to transfer funds from one budget class to another (for flexibility)	Passed Senate and House
SB 332	Towe (D-Billings)	Establishing confidentiality of library records	Passed Senate and House. Awaiting Governor's Signature.



SCENES FROM THE 49TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Sen. Bruce Crippen (R-Billings) and Pat Palagi, member of the Montana Library Services Advisory Council from Billings, join the crowd of 350 persons attending the Montana Library Association Legislative Day at the State Library, January 25, 1985.

Members of the Institutions and Cultural Education Subcommittee meet in the State Library conference room to work on the State Library's budget. Pictured are (clockwise from top left): Sen. Esther Bengtson (D-Shepherd), Vice-Chair; Lynn Tumey, Secretary to the Subcommittee; Rep. Steve Waldron (D-Missoula), Chair; Bill Sykes, Legislative Fiscal Analyst; Sen. Gary Aklestad (R-Galata); Sen. Matt Himsl (R-Kalispell). Also present but not pictured are Rep. Ron Miller (R-Great Falls) and Frances Olson, Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning. Rep. William "Red" Menahan (D-Anaconda) is also a member of the Subcommittee.



Kay Carey, Montana State University Library, and Tom Bremer, Montana Health Sciences Information Network, talk with Rep. Dorothy Bradley (D-Bozeman) outside the House chambers regarding library legislation.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, cont'd

Were you aware of the library promotion activities during National Library Week? Radio and television public service announcements were aired statewide; and billboards were placed in eight communities - Billings, Miles City, Great Falls, Havre, Kalispell, Helena, Butte, and Bozeman. The State Library is interested in your reactions to these efforts. Were they effective? Should they be repeated? Write Beth Givens with your comments.

The Public Library Association is soliciting papers for its April 2-6, 1986, St. Louis conference on the topic, "User Education in Public Libraries." If you wish to contribute, contact Mary Lawson, Minneapolis Public Library, 300 Nicollet Center, Minneapolis, MN 55401.

A number of library signs are available from the State Library on a first-come first-served basis, ie circulation, *SDX 12* *reference, oversize.*

These are large signs on black plastic with white letters. Contact JoAnn Fallang for details.

The Andrew Mellon Foundation is helping public libraries with limited book budgets to acquire the Library of America series by awarding \$500 grants toward purchase. For more information contact: Library of America, 14 E. 60th St., New York, NY 10022.

## AROUND THE STATE

Georgia Lomax succeeds Muriel Cooksey as director of the Miles City Public Library. Lomax is a 1984 graduate of the University of Washington graduate library school and has been library assistant of the Des Moines, Washington, Public Library.

Cooksey began working at the Library in 1960 and has been director and federation coordinator since 1972. Upon retirement, she will continue her work with the Library on a part-time basis until July and then plans to do volunteer work with persons using talking books.

The new coordinator of the Billings Area Health Sciences Information Consortium (BAHSIC) is Cathy Jordan, formerly of Portland, Oregon.

Susan Creed, former children's librarian of the Great Falls Public Library, has taken a position with the North Argonne Branch Library, Spokane, Washington.

After working nearly 20 years as Stillwater Co. Librarian, Viola Lien has retired. The new director is Deanna King.

Kathy Nelson has joined the Bozeman Public Library as reference librarian. She most recently comes from New Ulm, MN, and the University of Wisconsin graduate library program.

Lorraine Parker is the new library director of the St. Ignatius Public Library.



MEET MELINDA ARTZ

Melinda Artz of Artz-Works, Helena, is an artist, writer, group facilitator, and friend of libraries who is responsible for the design and composition of several State Library publications. She designed and edited the 1982 Program Review and the draft long range plan, A Choice of Futures, a Future of Choices. Her artwork appears on the cover of the 1984 Montana Federations report. And she is responsible for the design of the covers of the Pilot Moncat report, the Moncat training manual, as well as the overall design of the Montana State Library News.

Livingston Public Library Director Jean Gibson has retired. Her assistant June Skaarland is the new city librarian. Both have been with the Library since 1964 and Gibson was Library director since 1967.

## PUBLICATIONS

Interlibrary loan librarians will find a useful tool in the Directory of Library Identifier Codes. For Pacific Northwest libraries it provides access to library names and addresses by NUC symbol, electronic mail code, National Library of Medicine code, and so on. It contains information on all major lenders in the region and is especially useful for health science libraries. A subscription costs \$15 and includes updates. Contact: Reference Library, Swedish Hospital Medical Center, 747 Summit Ave., Seattle WA 98104.

The final report of the Pilot Moncat project is available from the State Library. Pilot Moncat: Making Way for Montana's Union Catalog lists Interlibrary Loan Committee recommendations for future union catalog development. The State Library Commission will take action on the report at its May 4th meeting in Lewistown. You are welcome to attend the meeting and comment on the recommendations.

A book on the history of the Cooperative Extension Service has been written by Merrill G. Burlingame and Edward J. Bell, Jr. The Montana Cooperative Extension Service: A History 1893-1974 is available for \$11 from the Extension Mail Room, 19 Pryor Hall, Montana State University, Bozeman MT 59717.

A plan to assist libraries in profiling and describing their collections and sharing that information with other libraries has been compiled by the Library and Information Resources for the Northwest program. Mapping Information Resources in the Pacific Northwest is available from the LIRN office, 2125 S.W. 4th Ave., Suite 202, Portland OR 97201.

The growth and development of the Catholic Church in western Montana is chronicled in Go With Haste into the Mountains. Written by Cornelia M. Flaherty, it is available for \$15 (hardbound) and \$10 (softbound) from the Diocese of Helena, P.O. Box 1729, Helena MT 59624.

Background materials on Jeannette Rankin have been compiled in honor of the unveiling of the Terry Minnaugh statue in the nation's capitol on May first. The efforts of the Montana Arts Council and the Missoula branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom have resulted in a bibliography, portrait of the artist, a time line of Rankin's achievements, and a compilation of quotes. Obtain your copy by writing the Montana State Library News.

You can obtain a copy of the catalog on the advertising campaign to fight illiteracy by writing the Montana State Library News. The catalog provides details on how you can obtain free radio, television and newspaper public service announcements for the media in your area for the nationwide campaign, Volunteer Against Illiteracy.

A pamphlet on the use of federal Library Services and Construction Act grant funds in Montana is available from the State Library, Grants to Libraries, 1983-1985.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION VIDEOCASSETTES AVAILABLE ON LOAN  
FROM THE MONTANA STATE LIBRARY

1. ALTA/WILL Workshop - Videotaped in Bozeman, July, 1984 (1/2" VHS and 3/4", 120 min). The Montana State Library Association sponsored this workshop which is patterned after the American Library Trustee Association Workshop in Library Leadership. Major topics covered are public awareness, advocacy and policy making. The keynote speaker is Bill Asp, Minnesota State Librarian.
2. Financial Management Workshop - Videotaped in Missoula, Nov., 1984 (2 - 1/2" VHS tapes, 180 min.). Presents an overview of the budget process by Gordon Morris, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties, an examination of the role of the State Auditing System in relation to public libraries and a discussion of funding, and the political process.
3. Grant Writing/Fundraising Workshop - Videotaped in Bozeman, March, 1985 (2 - 1/2" VHS tapes, 120 min.). Based on the American Library Association workshop entitled "Raising Funds for Libraries: Paths to the Private Sector". It has been enlarged to include a presentation on grant writing. The presenter of the workshop is Karen Everett, Chair, Montana Library Services Advisory Council.
4. Moncat: Procedures of Interlibrary Loans - Videotaped in Helena, April, 1985 (1/2" VHS tape, 120 min.). Presents ILL protocols and practices for librarians using union catalogs, either Moncat or the Washington Library Network Resource Directory.
5. Developing Political Effectiveness - May, 1982 (2 - 3/4" tapes, 100 min). Montana Library Assoc. Conference. Frederic Glazer, et al.
6. Bookmending - May 1982 (3/4" tape, 60 min). Montana Library Assoc. Conference. Lona Silver, Vicky Manger.
7. Microcomputers In Your Library - May 1982 (3/4" tape). Montana Library Assoc. Conference, Betty Costa.
8. Education In The 80's - The Need To Know: School Libraries And The Information Explosion - (1/2" VHS, 27 min). Alaska State Library.
9. Libraries Are Free - (1/2" VHS). Alaska State Library.
10. Reference Role Playing - (3/4", 30 min). Alaska State Library.
11. Weeding The Small Library Collection - (3/4" tape, 30 min). Alaska State Library.
12. An Introduction To The Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules - Second Edition 1979 (4 - 3/4" tapes, 30 min. ea.). American Library Association  
Tape 1 - History and Development      Tape 3 - Choice of Access Points  
Tape 2 - Description      Tape 4 - Form of Entry
13. Bringing Information To People - Nov., 1979 (3/4"). White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services.
14. Basic Reference Resources For Community Libraries - Videotaped in Bozeman, 1979 (1/2" VHS, 1/2" Betamax, and 3/4"- 103 min). Description of reference tools and role playing reference interviews.

15. Access Series, University of Denver, Graduate School of Librarianship, Center for Communication and Information Research - (3/4" tapes, 20 min. ea.):

Tape 1A - The Vertical File - Provides information about the purposes and structure of the vertical file with emphasis on type of materials to include in file, purpose and access.

Tape 1B - Community Resource Files - Defines the concept of the community resource file, discusses different types and indicates how a librarian might build such a file.

Tape 1C - State Libraries - Gives an overview of what services a typical state library can offer to other libraries in the state in terms of special collections and services, consultation and grant money.

Tape 1D - Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped - Explains the range of services available to those who are temporarily or permanently unable to read and how an individual library can help serve this group.

Tape 1E - Volunteers in the Library - Discusses 5 steps a library can take to develop an organized volunteer program and solutions to possible problems that could arise when using volunteers.

Tape 1F - Publicity - Looks at different ways local radio and newspapers can be used to publicize the library.

Tape 1G - Public Relations - Stresses that good PR is a matter of filling the needs in the community. This tape shows how 4 libraries have done this and how to do it with strong community support.

Tape 1H - Preschool Story Program - Presents basic techniques for working with preschoolers, including selecting materials, presenting a story, and dealing with problems that might arise.

Tape 1I - Services to Elementary-Age Children - Shares ideas from 4 different libraries about noncompetitive, participation-oriented programs for elementary-age children.

Tape 1J - Determining the Library Users' Needs - Discusses some techniques a library staff can take in order to determine a patron's exact needs.

Tape 1K - Oral History - Gives an overview of what is involved in undertaking an oral history project, including estimates of the staff and equipment and time necessary.

Tape 1L - Science Questions Sometimes are Issue Questions - Points out what may appear to be a science question, may be a question about a current issue and to suggest possible approaches for answering such requests.

Tape 1M - Where the Library Dollars Are - Discusses ways a small library can supplement its regular operating budget, where funds are available, and what approach the library should take to get funds.

Tape 1N - Censorship - Discusses the basic philosophy of the ALA's "Freedom to Read Statement" and gives practical suggestions on handling censorship issues in the library.

Tape 1O - School Library/Public Library Cooperation - Shares ways libraries have developed cooperative programs and points out issues, trends, and possible problems involved with public/school library cooperation.

Tape 1P - Assessing Community Needs - Shares some ideas on the how's and why's of total community analysis as a basis for providing library service.

Vintage Series, University of Denver - (3/4" tapes - 20 min. ea.)

Tape 2A - Barrier Free Access - Describes the architectural barriers which may deny or impede library access to older patrons and demonstrates how to remove or overcome barriers.

Tape 2B - Community Cooperation - Demonstrates how to initiate cooperation between libraries and other agencies serving senior citizens, to help other agencies reach seniors, and to create new programs through bringing together community resources.

Tape 2C - Employing Older Workers - Demonstrates how seniors can be employed effectively to help the library fulfill its goals, with discussion of special considerations, such as how the employee's earnings may affect social security payments. An additional purpose is to acquaint the librarian with formal programs which exist to coordinate senior workers.

Tape 2D - Reaching Out - Demonstrates in detail how to provide services to senior patrons who cannot come into the library, and the human elements of trust and good will necessary for successful outreach services.

Tape 2E - What is Old? Implications for Library Service - Sketches a picture of old age, its special problems and capacities, discusses some of the misconceptions commonly held about old age, and offers some general views on library services to an older population.